



PATENT 83378.0001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kenji YAMAZAKI et al.

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For: A TUBE UNIT AND A BLOOD PUMP
SYSTEM

Art Unit: Not assigned

Examiner: Not assigned

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the text of claims 10 and 20 with the following text. Technology Center 2600

10. (Once Amended) An artificial internal organ system, including a tube unit used for connecting internal equipment and external equipment, the tube unit comprises:

A1 an inner tube which lets liquid flow between the internal equipment and the external equipment;

a cable including an electric wire connected to the internal equipment; and

an outer tube which accommodates the inner tube and the cable.

20. (Once Amended) A blood pump system, comprising:

A2 a blood pump;

a controller for controlling the blood pump; and

a tube unit used for connecting a blood pump and a controller the blood pump,